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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) A data processing apparatus which performs a data process via a local area network (LAN) and a communication line other than the LAN, comprising:

reception means for receiving data designated to a plurality of receivers, from a transmission side via the communication line;

notification means for notifying the plurality of receivers on the LAN that said reception means received the data;

transmission means for transmitting information representing a notification result by said notification means, to the transmission side from which the data received by said reception means was transmitted via the communication line; and

selection means for selecting one of a first mode and a second mode,

wherein said transmission means, in the first mode, transmits one by one the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN by said notification means by plural-time communications, and in the second mode, transmits collectively the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN by said notification means by one-time communication.

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19. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein, in a case where the first mode is selected by said selection means, said transmission means transmits the information representing the notification result for one receiver at one communication.

20. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said notification means notifies the receivers which are designated by the transmission side that said reception means received the data.

21. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein a case where the notification by said notification means was successful is a state where the receiver can obtain the data.

22. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus which performs a data process via a local area network (LAN) and a communication line other than the LAN, comprising:

reception means for receiving data designated to a plurality of receivers, from a transmission side via the communication line;

notification means for notifying the plurality of receivers on the LAN that said reception means received the data;

transmission means for transmitting information representing a notification result by said notification means, to the transmission side from which the data received by said reception means was transmitted via the communication line;

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selecting means for selecting whether the transmission by said transmission means is to be performed on the basis of a call generation from the transmission side from which the data received by said reception means was transmitted or on the basis of a call generation from a data processing apparatus side; and

setting means for setting a mode in the case where the information representing the notification result by said notification means is transmitted by said transmission means whether the transmission of the information representing the notification result by said transmission means on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus side is to be permitted or not.

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wherein, ~~in a case where it is selected by said selection means that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from the transmission side, said transmission means transmits the information according to a request from the transmission side from which the data received by said reception means was transmitted via the communication line~~ in a case where said setting means sets that the transmission of the information representing the notification result on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus is to be permitted, said selection means selects that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus side, and

~~in a case where it is selected by said selection means that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from the data processing apparatus side, said transmission means transmits the information representing the notification result by said notification means concerning each of the plurality of receivers, in accordance with the mode set by said setting means~~ in a case where said setting means sets that the transmission of the information representing the notification result on the basis of the call generation from said data

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processing apparatus is not to be permitted, said selection means selects that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from said transmission side.

23. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said setting means sets one of a first mode and a second mode, in the case where it is selected by said selection means that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from the data processing apparatus side, said transmission means performs the transmission in accordance with the mode set by said setting means.

24. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23, wherein in the first mode, said transmission means transmits one by one the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN by said notification means by plural-time communications, and in the second mode said transmission means transmits collectively the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN by said notification means by one-time communication

25. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein, in the case where it is selected by said selection means that the transmission is to be performed based on the call generation from the data processing apparatus side, said transmission means generates a call on the basis of destination information included in the data received by said reception means.

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26. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said notification means notifies the receivers which are designated by the transmission side that said reception means received the data.

27. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein a case where the notification by said notification means was successful is a state where the receiver can obtain the data.

28. (Previously presented) A control method of a data processing apparatus which performs a data process via local area network (LAN) and a communication line other than the LAN, said method comprising:

a reception step of receiving data designated to a plurality of receivers, from a transmission side via the communication line;

a notification step of notifying the plurality of receivers on the LAN that the data is received in said reception step;

a transmission step of transmitting information representing a notification result in said notification step, to the transmission side from which the data received in said reception step was transmitted via the communication line; and

a selection step of selecting one of a first mode and a second mode,

wherein said transmission step, in the first mode, transmits one by one the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN in said notification step by plural-time communications, and in the second mode, transmits collectively

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the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN in said notification step by one-time communication.

29. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 28, wherein, in a case where the first mode is selected in said selection step, said transmission step transmits the information representing the notification result for one receiver at one communication.

30. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 28, wherein said notification step notifies the receivers which are designated by the transmission side that the data was received in said reception step.

31. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 28, wherein in a case where the notification in said notification step was successful is a state where the receiver can obtain the data.

32. (Currently Amended) A control method of data processing apparatus which performs a data process via a local area network (LAN) and a communication line other than the LAN, said method comprising:

a reception step of receiving data designated to a plurality of receivers, from a transmission side via the communication line;

a notification step of notifying the plurality of receivers on the LAN that the data is received in said reception step;

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a transmission step of transmitting information representing a notification result in said notification step, to the transmission side from which the data received in said reception step was transmitted via the communication line;

a selection step of selecting whether the transmission in said transmission step is to be performed on the basis of a call generation from the transmission side from which the data received in said reception step was transmitted or on the basis of a call generation from a data processing apparatus side; and

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a setting step of setting a mode in the case where the information representing the notification result in said notification means is transmitted in said transmission step whether the transmission of the information representing the notification result by said transmission step on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus side is to be permitted or not,

wherein, in a case where it is selected in said selection step that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from the transmission side, the information according to a request from the transmission side from which the data received in said reception step was transmitted via the communication line is transmitted in said transmission step in a case where said setting step sets that the transmission of the information representing the notification result on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus is to be permitted, said selection step selects that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus side, and

in a case where it is selected in said selection step that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from the data processing apparatus side, in said transmission step the information representing the notification result in said notification step concerning each of the plurality of receivers is transmitted in accordance with the set in said

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setting step in a case where said setting step sets that the transmission of the information representing the notification result on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus is not to be permitted, said selection step selects that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from said transmission side.

33. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 32, wherein said setting step sets one of a first mode and a second mode, in the case where it is selected in said selection step that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from the data processing apparatus side, said transmission step performs the transmission in accordance with the mode set in said setting step.

34. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein in the first mode said transmission step transmits one by one the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN in said notification step by plural-time communications, and in the second mode said transmission step transmits collectively the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN in said notification step by one-time communication.

35. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 32, wherein, in the case where it is selected in said selection step that the transmission is to be performed based on the call generation from the data processing apparatus side, said transmission step generates a call on the basis of destination information included in the data received in said reception step.

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36. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 32, wherein said notification step notifies the receivers which are designated by the transmission side that the data was received in said reception step.

37. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 32, wherein in a case where the notification in said notification step was successful is a state where the receiver can obtain the data.

38. (Previously presented) A computer-readable program to be used by data processing apparatus which performs a data process via a local area network (LAN) and a communication line other than the LAN, comprising:

reception means for receiving data designated to a plurality of receivers, from a transmission side via the communication line;

notification means for notifying the plurality of receivers on the LAN that said reception means received the data;

transmission means for transmitting information representing a notification result by said notification means, to the transmission side from which the data received by said reception means was transmitted via the communication line; and

selection means for selecting one of a first mode and a second mode,

wherein said transmission means, in the first mode, transmits one by one the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN by said notification means by plural-time communication, and in the second mode, transmits collectively

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the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN by said notification means by one-time communication.

39. (Previously presented) A computer-readable program according to claim 38, wherein, in a case where the first mode is selected by said selection means, said transmission means transmits the information representing the notification result for one receiver at one communication.

40. (Previously presented) A computer-readable program according to claim 38, wherein said notification means notifies the receivers which are designated by the transmission side that said reception means received the data.

41. (Previously presented) A computer-readable program according to claim 38, wherein a case where the notification by said notification means was successful is a state where the receiver can obtain the data.

42. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable program to be used by a data processing apparatus which performs a data process via a local area network (LAN) and a communication line other than the LAN, comprising:

reception means for receiving data designated to a plurality of receivers, from a transmission side via the communication line;

notification means for notifying the plurality of receivers on the LAN that said reception means received the data;

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transmission means for transmitting information representing a notification result by said notification means, to the transmission side from which the data received by said reception means was transmitted via the communication line;

selection means for selecting whether the transmission by said transmission means is to be performed on the basis of a call generation from the transmission side from which the data received by said reception means was transmitted or on the basis of a call generation from a data processing apparatus side; and

setting means for setting a mode in the case where the information representing the notification result by said notification means is transmitted by said transmission means whether the transmission of the information representing the notification result by said transmission means on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus side is to be permitted or not.

wherein, in a case where it is selected by said selection means that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from the transmission side, said transmission means transmits the information according to a request from the transmission side from which the data received by said reception means was transmitted via the communication line in a case where said setting means sets that the transmission of the information representing the notification result on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus is to be permitted, said selection means selects that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus side, and

in a case where it is selected by said selection means that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from the data processing apparatus side, said transmission means transmits the information representing the notification result by said

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~~notification means concerning each of the plurality of receivers, in accordance with the mode set by said setting means in a case where said setting means sets that the transmission of the information representing the notification result on the basis of the call generation from said data processing apparatus is not to be permitted, said selection means selects that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from said transmission side.~~

43. (Previously presented) A computer-readable program according to claim 42, wherein said setting means sets one of a first mode and a second mode, in the case where it is selected by said selection means that the transmission is to be performed on the basis of the call generation from the data processing apparatus side, said transmission means performs the transmission in accordance with the mode set by said setting means.

44. (Previously presented) A computer-readable program according to claim 43, wherein in the first mode said transmission means transmits one by one the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN by said notification means by plural-time communications, and in the second mode said transmission means transmits collectively the information representing the notification results for the plurality of receivers on the LAN by said notification means by one-time communication.

45. (Previously presented) A computer-readable program according to claim 42, in the case where it is selected by said selection means that the transmission is to be performed based on the call generation from the data processing apparatus side, said

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transmission means generates a call on the basis of destination information included in the data received by said reception means.

46. (Previously presented) A computer-readable program according to claim 42, wherein said notification means notifies the receivers which are designated by the transmission side that said reception means received the data.

47. (Previously presented) A computer-readable program according to claim 42, wherein a case where the notification by said notification means was successful is a state where the receiver can obtain the data.

48-54. (Canceled)